



Big Idea:

Because of Jesus' love for me, I can show compassion to others.



Stop the Funeral!

Bible Verse:

"Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

I Peter 3:8

Read the Bible: Luke 7:11-17

Jesus was traveling, but he wasn't alone – his disciples were with him and crowds of people were following along behind, watching and listening to all that Jesus was teaching them.

One day, as Jesus and his followers were nearing the town of Nain, they saw a group of people coming toward them.

Read Luke 7:12 to find out what was going on.

Funerals in a small town like Nain involved almost everyone in town. And right at the front of the group, some men were carrying a coffin.

Beside the coffin walked a very sad woman. The body in the coffin was her only son and she was a widow, which means her husband had also died. She was left alone with no one to take care of her.

Read Luke 7:13 to find out what Jesus said when he saw her.

Jesus saw the widow and he had compassion on her.

He knew immediately what had happened and his heart felt her sadness and pain.

Jesus walked up to the coffin and touched it.

He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up."

What do you think happened?

Read Luke 7:15 to find out!

Suddenly, the young man sat up and started TALKING!

The people at the funeral were amazed! The crowd of people following Jesus were amazed! ALL the sadness turned to happiness and the people began praising God! And of course, the news of this amazing miracle spread to every town for miles around!

When Jesus showed compassion to the widow, her whole life changed! And WE can show compassion to others around us too! Take time to notice when someone is having a bad day or gets hurt and help them. THAT'S FOLLOWING JESUS!

Let's Talk:

1. What do you think compassionate means?
2. When have you seen someone being compassionate?
3. What made the widow's situation so sad?
4. Which part of I Peter 3:8 best describes Jesus' actions in the Bible story?

Challenge:

Watch for people showing compassion this week. It could be at home, at school, in a book you are reading or in a movie you have seen.

BONUS: Learn to spell compassionate!

